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TOPIC Rakosi Tank Officers' School in Tata-Tóváros

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1. Prior to 30 December 1951, the Rakosi Tank Officers' School was located in Tata-Tóváros (P 48/Y 94). It had no postal number. This overt address was also used for private mail. The school was organized into the school command, the school inspectorate, the 3d Tank Bn and the supply section. A Soviet lieutenant colonel, about 45 years old, was assigned to the school as adviser.
2. The school command personnel included Major Ferenc Ferenci, the school commander, about 40 years old; Major Gyula Csaba, political officer, about 45 years old; several other officers; some physicians; and numerous civilian employees.
3. The school inspectorate consisted of the headquarters, the body of instructors, the 1st and 2d classes and a six-month retraining course for officers.
4. The 3d Tank Bn was the training unit of the school. It was organized into a headquarters, a light tank company, a heavy tank company, a light SP gun company, a heavy SP gun company and a guard company. The light tank company numbered about 220 men and was equipped with about 25 T-34 tanks some of which were continually under repair. The heavy tank company totaled about 120 men and was organized into the company headquarters and 5 platoons each of 2 squads. Each squad consisted of a T-34 tank with an 85-mm gun. The company was commanded by Lieutenant Szabados (fnu), 28 years of age. The light SP gun company was equipped with about 25 SU-76 SP guns, the heavy SP gun company with 10 JSU-122 SP guns. The guard company numbered about 100 men. *
5. The supply section consisted of a motor transport company and a motor vehicle repair shop. The motor transport company under the command of Junior Lieutenant Tusor (fnu), who was about 40 years of age, was equipped with 14 weapon carriers, about 65 trucks, 6 sedans and 3 motorcycles.

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6. The school command, the school inspectorate, the supply section and the vehicles of the 3d Tank Bn were in the new barracks installation north of Tata-Tóváros. The 3d Tank Bn, except the guard company was quartered in the barracks installation east of the railroad on the north side of the road to Agostyán (P 48/Y 95) and the guard company in the small barracks installation on the west side of Kapucinus Street in Tata-Tóváros.

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7. The 3d Tank Bn was armed with P-48 submachine guns with drum magazine which were made in Hungary. The emblem of the people's republic was punched above the cartridge chamber.
8. After receiving uniforms and equipment during the first week, the trainees were given 4 weeks of basic training. This was followed by a drivers' training course for heavy tanks which consisted of theoretical instruction as well as practical training at the tank training area, which was called Tankodrom and was located just northeast of the new barracks installation on the east side of the road to Dunaalmás (P 48/Y 95).
9. The recruits who, in the fall of 1951, reported for active service with the 3d Tank Bn and the supply section, were members of the 1930 and 1931 classes and came from all parts of the country.

25X1: [] Comment. This information concerning organization and armament of the tank training battalion indicates that the Hungarian Army is equipped with only a few modern heavy Soviet tanks and SP guns. JS-2 tanks have only been seen on the occasion of the review in Budapest in early May. The armored components of some Hungarian infantry divisions have a similar organization as the tank training battalion of the Rakosi tank officers' school which is equipped with tanks and SP guns.

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